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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 1-8

Measuring system comprising a base and first housing mounted on a first part and second housings mounted on a second part of a machine. The adjacent surfaces of the base and the first housing and of the two housings have complementary parts that allow mutual alignment of these parts.

2. Claims: 9,10

Measuring system comprising a base and first housing and a cable mounting device

3. Claim : 11

Measuring system comprising a base and first housing wherein the angle of the base is adjustable

4. Claims: 12-16

Platform for supporting a housing with complementary mounting structures including a lifting mechanism for bringing the platform and housing in contact.

5. Claims: 17-31

Apparatus for adjusting the angle of an object relative to a surface, the apparatus comprising an upper plate for mounting the object, a lower plate mounted on the surface, and a track and a ball between the plates for performing the adjustment.

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